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REMARKS

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1. Between 17 and 20 April 1951, the barracks installation in Zaschendorf near Meissen (N 52/F 09) quartered a unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Since the number of windows lighted in the quarters at nightfall was small and since little activity was observed, source estimated the troops there at about 300. From 100 to 130 soldiers were seen in the billeting area on 18 April. \* Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets piled large quantities of lumber near the obstacle course and near the mess building. Lumber was hauled on [redacted] Soldiers guarding the lumber yard wore black-bordered black epaulets while gate guards and sentries on the watchtower wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles identified in the billeting area included [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; [redacted] driven and occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; [redacted] occupied by three officers and driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets; [redacted] carrying engineer equipment and barbed wire. \*\*

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2. Between 17 and 20 April, the Artillerie Kaserne, located about five km north of Meissen, quartered a unit of not more than 150 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some soldiers with tank insignia seemed to belong to the rear detail in the Bohnitzsch Kaserne. Only some windows of the installation were lighted at nightfall. T-34 tank No 405 and 20 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets without tank insignia, were observed on 19 April. Motor vehicles

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25X1C [redacted] were identified in the billeting area.

3. The Bohnitzsch Kaserne was vacant, the barracks gates being closed and the sentry remaining in the guardhouse. Between 17 and 20 April, not more than five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed. \*

4. Both the Soviet komendantura and the tank repair shop in Niederfachre, a suburb of Meissen, were occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Much activity was observed.

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[redacted] in front of one of the workshops. [redacted] were identified in the repair shop area.

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Comment. The unidentified AAA Regt, possibly the 216th, of the 9th Tank Div is carried in the Weissen-Zaschendorf barracks installation. The present report indicates that components of the regiment may have moved to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds, together with other elements of the 9th Tank Div which began leaving Riesa and Oschatz for Koenigsbrueck in mid-April 1961.

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Comment. Soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets have been observed in the barracks installation in Zaschendorf for several years. At the end of 1949, one source reported them as belonging to a signal unit. However, the present report indicates that they belong to an engineer unit. the trucks observed with the unit, it cannot be determined whether the unit is a component of the 1st Assault Engr Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army whose location is unknown or an element of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 9th Tank Div which has been carried to date at Oschatz airfield. See

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